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SOME OF THE NEW ONES CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA MAN



CATCHER BOYLE.



PITCHER McLEOD.



FIRST-BASEMAN KANZLER.



PITCHER SPARKS.



OUTFIELDER RIGGS.



OUTFIELDER STRADER.



PITCHER JACKSON.

LAWMAKERS DEFEAT RICHMOND COLLEGE

With eleven men besides himself on the diamond, Manager Perry Lipe, of the Richmond Club, of the Virginia State League, made his first bow to the public in the ball park yesterday afternoon, and from Richmond College, after the Spiders had given him a close call, won the first game of the season by the score of 5 to 2. Though, of course, the leaguers were playing against a naturally weaker team, since it was a contest between professionals and college amateurs, this initial victory may be taken as a lucky sign by those who believe in the power of a rabbit's foot and the truthfulness of an old woman's prophecy. It will endow them with a faith in Lipe and his men that must certainly have its weight in helping them to a final victory when all the tale is told.

Taking it as the first game in the season and remembering the fact that the professionals have had but little time in which to limber up, and also considering the fact that they played against one of the strongest college teams in the State, the game yesterday afternoon was unusually good, and was played in a style that will bring its own reward to Lipe.

In the grandstand and bleachers was seated a crowd of at least 2,500 people, who, with the eyes of discerning fans, watched the contest without the least sign of falling interest from the first ball pitched to the moment when Jackson retired the last man with a strike-out. There was not, of course, the wild enthusiasm and the exulting agony of a first league game, for it was a foregone conclusion who would win; but there was plenty of the right sort of commendation, and warm words of praise greeted every play of an exceptional character.

The Spiders put up a magnificent exhibition; Denny Wright pitched like one who is born to a higher place in the world of baseball, and he was ably backed by everyone of his eight comrades. But one error was made by the collegians, though four were made by their opponents. Never for a moment did the game lag; every man was on his toes to do his duty, there were many fast plays, and interest was kept up to tension point until the two nines left the field. Harry Mace handled the indicator, and gave undoubted satisfaction, not one of his decisions being questioned by either side.

In short, to tell the story as it should be told, the game was a real printer's ink and might weary the reader with a too prolix account. Brevity is the soul of wit said Pope, and Pope was a wise man in his generation. Therefore, to make a long story short, the first game of the exhibition series was a satisfactory one on all points of view.

"Dutch" Revelle, with his never-failing smile and his seeming disregard for results, was the first to enter the box for the club, and in the four innings he pitched showed that his eye had not forgotten its cunning or his arm its strength. He was followed in turn by McLeod and Jackson, who worked two innings apiece. Jackson did very well indeed, and was hailed with applause. Bill Heffron made a stellar catch in the third inning, when he made a long run for Sheppard's fly, caught it, rolled over on the ground, and rose with it tightly clasped in his hand. Ezekiel, for Richmond College, showed himself to be an all-around first baseman, and twice brought on his head a shower of praise by his quick work. In fact, all the Richmond College team played unusually well. Lodge, Gwathmey, Handy and Gardner, besides the others mentioned, being especially deserving of praise.

Lipe showed himself shifty enough on his feet, and he played his base like a veteran. He also knows how to run the bases. Kanzer promises well on first. Morgan is quick on his feet at short, and Cowan behind the bat played as if he had been practicing all the winter. Riggs did not put up as good an exhibition as was expected, and Titman was a little weak. Jackson and Boyle were in fine trim in the two innings they played. Exhibition games next week will afford a surer ground on which to base judgment as to the playing qualities of the men.

Outside of the players, the greatest distinction was achieved by Captain Frank Cunningham, who bought the first ticket of the season from Blair Beasley, showing what an enthusiastic rooter he is. Chief Rootsy Snyder was on the ground, of course, and he will lead the fans this season, as usual.

Richmond College went to bat first, but scored nothing until the sixth inning. The professionals scored their first run in the first inning. Heffron, up first, grounded to short, and was out on first. Lipe walked and stole second. Bigbie fanned. Riggs hit a high one out into left field, and Lipe scored the first run—something of a distinction. Titman fled out to Handy, and the side was retired. Neither team scored in the second, but in the third the leaguers brought in their second run. Heffron hit out a two-bagger to left; Lipe went out to center; Bigbie singled, and Heffron crossed the plate. Riggs went out, second to first, and Titman fanned. The fourth brought another run for Lipe's gang. Kanzler, first man up, biffed a little fly to Ezekiel, and Morgan singled. Cowan did a like trick, and on the fourth man's long fly to left Morgan crossed the plate. The next two innings were without result in run getting.

It was in the sixth the college laid scored their only runs. Handy, first man up, got to first on Morgan's error. Ezekiel sacrificed him to second and got to first on Kanzler's error. On Lodge's single Handy came in. Bigbie fumbled the ball, Lodge went to second, and Ezekiel scored the second and last run. The three succeeding men went out in order. It began to look as if Richmond College might tie the score, but Denny Wright weakened a bit, and the professionals braced themselves in batting. In the seventh Cowan walked. McLeod got to first on a fielder's choice, with Cowan on second. Heffron biffed a little one to Wright, who caught Cowan on third. Lipe singled, bringing in McLeod and Heffron, going to second himself on the throw-in. Bigbie lined out a hot one, and Lipe scored. There was no more scoring by either side. The score follows:

Richmond College.					
Players.	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.
Sheppard, 3b.....	2	0	0	1	1
Gardner, 1f.....	3	0	0	1	0
Handy, 2b.....	4	1	0	2	5
Ezekiel, 1b.....	3	1	0	11	0
Lodge, c.....	4	0	2	7	0
D. Wright, p.....	4	0	0	1	2
Gwathmey, ss.....	3	0	1	0	5
G. Wright, cf.....	4	0	1	0	0
Smith, rf.....	4	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	31	2	4	34	12

Score by Innings:		0 1 1 0 0 3 0
Richmond League.....	1	0 1 1 0 0 3 0
Richmond College.....	0	0 0 0 2 0 0 0
Summary: Two-base hits—Heffron		
Stolen bases—Lipe. Base on balls—of		
Wright, 3; off Revelle, 1; off McLeod, 3		
Struck out—by Wright, 5; by Revelle		
3; by McLeod, 1; by Jackson, 2. Wild		
pitch—McLeod, 1. Time of game—two		
hours. Umpire—Mace. Attendance—		

Score by Innings: 1-0 1-0 0-0 0-0 2-0 5-0.

Summary: Two-base hits—Heffron, Stolen bases—Lipe. Base on balls—Wright, 2; off Revelle, 1; off McLeod, 2; Struck, 2; by Wright, 5; by Revelle, 3; by McLeod, 1; by Jackson, 2. Wild pitch—McLeod, 1. Time of game—two hours. Umpire—Mace. Attendance, 2,500.

TARS TO SEE BOUTS

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 28.—Luke Marsh does not propose to be caught at the switch when it comes to putting on a fight in April. The April period belongs to him, and as the time for the fight to arrive will be near at hand, he will do his best to put on a first-class attraction. Just now he has three or four big matches under consideration. Bill Papke and Young Ketchel is one of Marsh's cards.

There has been some talk about Ketchel being tied up in Jimmy Coffey's case, but it is not so sure about him. Should the mid-dleweight fall down on him, Luke may have something in the featherweight division on his side.



MANAGER LIPE.

V. P. I. BASEBALL.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BLACKSBURG, VA., March 28.—The baseball season at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute will open April 1st with the game here between the Roanoke league and the V.I. Only a few days of good weather have permitted real practice, and this, with the examinations just ended, has prevented Coach Miles from getting in any real work with the fifty candidates for positions on the team.

In the game Wednesday the most promising men will be given a tryout, and it will then be possible for the coaches to get some idea of the real strength of the team that will have in the field this spring. There is good material here, and in the future practice that has been possible, a number of the men have showed up well.

AMATEUR WRESTLING

A. A. U. Will Hold Off Bouts in New York on April 11-13.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States will hold its annual wrestling championships in New York. For several days past, Harry E. Weeks, chairman of the committee, and Mr. F. W. Hubert, secretary of the St. George Athletic Club, have been working on a suitable place to hold the wrestling championships this year, and have decided upon Madison Square Garden Concert Hall. The bouts will be held April 11th and 12th, and the following weight will be contested: Bantam, 105 pounds and under; feather, 115 pounds and under; light, 135 pounds and under; welter, 155 pounds and under; and middle, 185 pounds and heavyweight.

Amateur Athletic Union championship medals will be given to first and second at eight weight. An entrance fee of \$2 per man will be charged, and must accompany entry.

AERO CLUB PRIZES.

PARIS, March 25.—The Aero Club has been informed by MM. Michelin that they intend to offer a cup worth \$2,000 and an annual prize of \$2,000 for ten years for flights by heavier-than-air machines.

They will also offer a special prize of \$2,000 to the owner of the machine which, before January 1, 1918, carries two persons over a special route, embracing the Arc de Triomphe, in Paris, and the top of the Puy de Dome Mountain, 5,000 feet high. The prize is international.

SPORTS OF PARIS MAY SEE BURNS IN FIGHT

BY RICHARD DAHLGREN.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, March 28.—The exhibition made by Jim Roche, the Irish champion, in his recent bout with Tommy Burns, was pitiful. The only advantage his size seemed to give him was that he made an easier target for the Canadian champion.

Burns' future movements are uncertain. When I asked him as to what he proposed to do after the meeting with Roche, he said: "That depends on circumstances. If England has any other men for me to fight, and proper inducements are offered, I will fight them; otherwise I may go to France before I go home. I can't tell yet just what I will do."

When it was suggested that cables from the States intimated that he was afraid to meet Johnson, the big black, Burns laughed. "I do not think anybody really thinks I am afraid to meet Johnson. Why should I? What has he ever done to make anybody afraid of him except talk. I may meet Johnson when I return to the States, or I may not. I can tell better when I get there. I will say if there is enough in it I will meet him; otherwise not. I am not fighting for fun or practice."

Burns, from the fact that he is of French extraction and has a French name, would make him extremely popular in Paris, and I am inclined to believe he will visit the French capital professionally before he goes home.

Sam MacVey, the American negro boxer, is having the time of his life in Paris. He is posing as a gladiator in the Paris music halls and gets on an occasional fight. He recently fought and knocked out an Englishman named Sheering, and here is a partial description of the fight from L'Illustration:

"If the battle was not long, it was at least earnest and spirited. To the satisfaction of all, blood flowed in the second round. In the fourth round Sheering fell and was unable to rise, whereupon our capable umpire, Frantz Richel, proclaimed the negro winner. MacVey stood in the attitude of a gladiator to receive the admiring glances of the fair companions of our Paris clubmen."

The paper also published an illustration showing Sheering lying on the floor and being counted out, while MacVey, with head thrown high in the air, expanded, arms extended and legs clenched so as to swell the muscles of his arms, a la Achilles, playing to the spectators.

Another account was as follows:

"After the first volley, Sam, sufficiently instructed upon the value of his adversary, commenced the attack. Sam made Sheering show him the way around the ring, and in the third round projected him to the earth. Sheering received the coup in the head. This beautiful offering was received with stoniness. Sam had been dizzy and was distributing his strength about the body of the home man. In the fourth round victory was given to MacVey by our excellent referee, F. Richel, who judges these encounters with competence and who qualifies for arbiter for important matches. We have permission to declare invincible this marvelous Sam MacVey."

Association football is unquestionably a story second in the affections of the British public. Statistics just issued show that the attendance at sixty-eight cup games was 1,233,000, an average of about 18,000 to the game. At some of the games more than 45,000 people were present. The average attendance for the eight games of the third round was 25,500.

The Sporting Times raises to remark: Though Tommy Burns is reproached with picking out all the soft jobs that offer in present-day pugilistic, it may only be that he is seeking to prove his right the title of the world's champion wherever boxing bout takes place. In Bill Sullivan he downed an Australian, in Gunner Moir, a Scotsman, in Palmer, a Newcastle Englishman, and in Jim Roche, an Irishman. France then awaits him with more than one kicking hybrid, of the lot—the buck nigger, Johnson. But America may call in vain, while poor old England is meekly handing out 75 of the gate receipts and 45 of the cinematograph.

Betting on the Derby, which is to be run June 3d, is beginning to pick out. Lesbia, Sir Archibald and White Eagle have been backed at 6 to 5, while Mountain Apple, Yamos, Perrier, Rushutter and Prospector have found friends at odds ranging from 7 to 1 to 20 to 1.

Sporting Life says: "The interesting information we are enabled to place before readers of the Sporting Life once more exemplifies the keen interest in sport taken by His Majesty, the King. As our readers are aware, it is the intention to stage the forthcoming Marathon races in connection with the Olympic games, from Windsor to the Olympic Games, the Polytechnic Harriers, ever to the fore in assisting success such an event in the history of athletics, have arranged a twenty-five miles open trial races over the course on April 25th. The executives of the club have received permission from His Majesty to start their trial in Windsor Great Park, and it is needless to say that the gracious action on the part of the King will be hailed with satisfaction to all parties concerned."

MARATHON RUN.

LONDON, March 28.—Rules and conditions for the Marathon run to be held in connection with the Olympic games, this summer have been arranged, the date having been fixed for July 25th. Although the race is scheduled as being for 26 miles, or about twenty-four and four-fifths miles, it is now certain that the contestants will have to cover more than twenty-six miles before reaching the tape inside the great Stadium, now nearing completion. Several changes already have been made outside the gates leading to Windsor Castle, the distance will be twenty-six miles to the edge of the Stadium. If, however, the start be from the terrace of the historic castle, for which it is hoped the king will give permission, it is figured that this would mean an additional 700 yards to be covered, exclusive of the lap of one-third of a mile on the Stadium track; and the final distance would make the race one of nearer twenty-seven miles than twenty-six.

LIPTON CUP RACE

NEW YORK, March 25.—Eight yachts now are entered to race for the Lipton Cup, offered for an ocean race, announcement of this effect being made by E. B. Schock, chairman of the regatta committee of the Brooklyn Yacht Club. Richard D. Floyd has entered the Lila, winner of the Three Clubs cup in the race in Bermuda last year. Yoman Cohen has entered the Zinta, which took part in the Bermuda race, and the Hawaiian Brothers have entered the Sakana, the fastest of the fleet. E. B. Schock, chairman of the regatta committee, has entered the Hyperion to represent the New Rochelle Yacht Club.

With eight yachts already entered and the race not to start until July 4th, its success is assured. Probably there will be fifteen or twenty yachts that will race from Gravesend Bay to Fire Island and the Northeast End Lightship and return. The race is an open one.

Best Cycle Track Yet Built. The Saltair, Utah, saucer track, which is to be opened officially on May 29th, is touted as the best track of its size yet constructed. "I have seen nearly all the saucer tracks in the world and have ridden on most of them," says Manager Chapman, "and I can say without fear of contradiction that the new track now being built is the finest in the world. It is proving by the mistakes of others in building this track, and making it as near perfect as is possible. It is a saucer track, and the elevations are so arranged as to be of the greatest advantage to the rider. I am confident that most of the world's cycling records will be broken here."